

CHAPTER 10

SECTION 2.7

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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I. ISSUE

Clinical Psychologist

II. POLICY

A. To be certified as an authorized clinical psychologist, an individual must:

1. Be licensed/certified/registered as a psychologist at the independent practice level in his/her jurisdiction; and

2. Fulfill the criteria in either [paragraph II.A.](#) or [paragraph II.B.](#) below:

a. Have:

(1) a doctoral degree in psychology from a regionally accredited university
and

(2) two years of supervised clinical experience in psychological health services of which at least one year is post-doctoral and one year (may be the post-doctoral year) is in an organized psychological health service training program; or

b. Be listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. (Contact the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology at 1120 G Street, NW, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20005-3801, or (202) 783-7663.)

B. Claims for mental health services provided by a clinical psychologist are subject to the limitations on mental health disorders as specified in [32 CFR 199.6](#).

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. A provider has fulfilled the degree requirement in [paragraph II.A.2.a.\(1\)](#) above if the provider holds a doctorate from a regionally accredited institution and if the doctorate (or doctorate combined with additional coursework) fulfills the licensing/certifying/registering jurisdiction's educational requirements to become a licensed/certified/registered psychologist at the independent practice level.

B. A provider who does not qualify as an authorized clinical psychologist is to be offered the alternative of applying for provider status under another mental health provider category or of applying for listing in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (see [paragraph II.A.2.b.](#) above).

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE November 13, 1984

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